

“IMITATORS”

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: *“Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.”* (v. 1).

A. By Definition:

1. “One who imitates. To produce a semblance of. To copy”
2. In practice it is to use some one, or something as model. To pattern after.
3. “Even as I also am of Christ.” (II Thess. 3:7-9; Heb. 13:7, their faith).

B. LIMITATION:

1. We must be very careful to make sure we are imitating the right. 3Jn. 11.
 2. There are a lot of wrong examples; False teachers and Teachings.
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OF PAUL

A. As he begins this chapter. vs. 1,2.

1. We are encouraged to follow him....as he follows Christ.

B. II Thess. 3:7-9.

1. He gave us his life as a pattern.
 2. He followed Christ....Therefore as we follow him....we follow Christ.
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TRADITION - DOCTRINE

A. v. 2. “Hold fast the tradition..”

1. Bible filled with those who held to God’s teaching. - We should imitate.
2. The blessings that resulted!

B. THE OPPOSITE:

1. Gal. 1:1-6: “I marvel that you are so quickly removed...another gospel.
2. The Corinthians (Chapter 15).

C. Any other example that you would like to use.

OF CHRIST - THE HEAD

A. vs. 4-16; The usually discussion of this passage.

1. Should a woman wear a hat or not...talking about a veil.
2. Should a woman cut her hair...should a man let his grow too long? What is long....What is short?
3. He was talking about the natural distinction between man and woman.

B. IF NOT CAREFUL WE OVERLOOK:

1. Christ is our head.....
2. The head of Christ is God.

C. THE LESSON:

1. As Christ served, respected and obeyed God...His head...
2. Let us imitate Him by Respecting....Serving and Obeying our Head....

CHRIST!

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In Not Making New Rules

- A. So easy for man to decide what man ...should or should not do.
 - 1. It then becomes “sin”.
 - 2. As the Pharisees of old - men bind heavy burdens on one another.
 - B. v.16; Let’s imitate the spirit and make sure we do not make NEW RULES.
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IN WORSHIP

- A. Much said in this chapter about Lord’s Supper.
 - 1. Understanding of the body and Blood of our Savior.
 - 2. We are to remember and respect the Death, Burial and Resurrection.
 - B. There are THESE examples in worship we are to imitate.
 - 1. ATTITUDE:
 - a. They had a problem of bad attitude in worship.
 - b. Self centered, forgot the object of their worship.
 - 2. CONDUCT:
 - a. As a result their conduct...The way they behaved themselves was bad.
 - b. All sort of misconduct took place..eating..drinking..etc.
 - c. The waning in vs. 27 “worthy manner” What it means.
 - 3. CONTENT:
 - a. With bad attitude and improper conduct - No wonder that the content (substance) of their worship became wrong!
 - b. When they came together it was for the worse, instead of the better.
 - C. ADMONITION:
 - 1. Let a man prove himself. V. 28.
 - 2. That your coming together be not unto judgment. v. 34.
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CONCLUSION

- A. As a result of failing to imitate the good - Paul; Correct Doctrine, Christ; it RESULTED IN:
 - 1. Some are weak; First step.....Slow change.
 - 2. Some are sick; Second step....or Phase.
 - 3. Some were dead (sleep). Final step.
 - B. “Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is full grown, bringeth forth death.” (James 1:15).
 - C. The Failure to **IMITATE** the right will results in: weak; sick; death.
 - D. Let’s prove (examine) ourselves and make sure we are **IMITATING**: Paul, The Doctrine; The Christ; and Worshiping in Spirit and Truth.
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